



California State Parks

Quick Facts



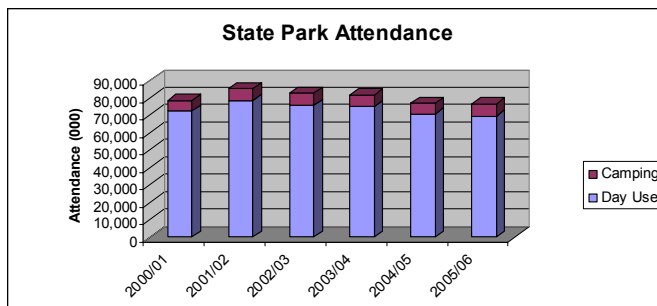
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Parks by the Numbers

- ❖ There are 278 classified and unclassified units in the California State Park System in 23 districts, including five in the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.
- ❖ A total of 1.5 million acres of land are owned or managed by California State Parks (CSP). This is nearly 1.52% of the total area of California.
- ❖ Over 8.6 million feet of waterfront are owned by CSP. This includes over 3.4 million feet of lakefront, almost 1.7 million feet (320 miles) of ocean front, and over 1.7 million feet of river front.
- ❖ CSP provides the public with: 14,445 individual and group camp sites, 621 overnight facilities, 7,122 picnic sites, and 4,542 miles of non-motorized trails.
- ❖ Over 76.6 million people visited California State Parks in the 2005/06 fiscal year. At 1 oz. of sunscreen per person, that equals over 598,513 gallons of sun protection!
- ❖ 3% of park visitors operate off-highway vehicles in state park units each year.

7. Doheny State Beach
8. Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area
9. Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area
10. Cardiff State Beach

- ❖ **Top Attendance by Unit Type** (2005/2006 Attendance):
 State Historic Park–Old Town San Diego
 State Beach – Huntington
 State Park – Morro Bay
 State Vehicular Recreation Area – Oceano Dunes
 State Recreation Area – Folsom Lake
 State Reserve – Armstrong Redwoods
 State Historic Monument – Hearst San Simeon
- ❖ Six California State Parks were named to the **2006 Top 100 Family Campgrounds in the U.S.** in a survey conducted by Reserve America:
 - Angel Island State Park
 - Humboldt Redwoods State Park
 - Lake Oroville State Recreation Area
 - Plumas Eureka State Park
 - San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area
 - Hearst Castle® (Hearst San Simeon SHM)(won for one of USA's "best tours")



❖ **Top Ten State Parks** (2005/2006 Attendance):

1. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
2. Sonoma Coast State Beach
3. Huntington State Beach
4. Bolsa Chica State Beach
5. Seacliff State Beach
6. San Onofre State Beach

- ❖ A significant portion of California's natural and cultural resources are protected by California State Parks:
 - 94% of the 1.5 million acres of the State Park System is managed for natural resource values.
 - California State Parks is responsible for documentation, preservation and care of 10,232 known prehistoric and historic archeological sites, 3,194 historic buildings, and more than 6 million museum objects, archival documents and specimens.



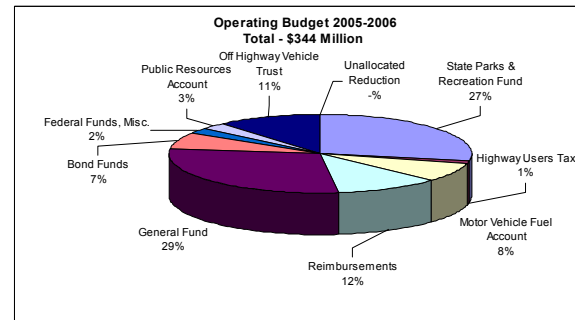
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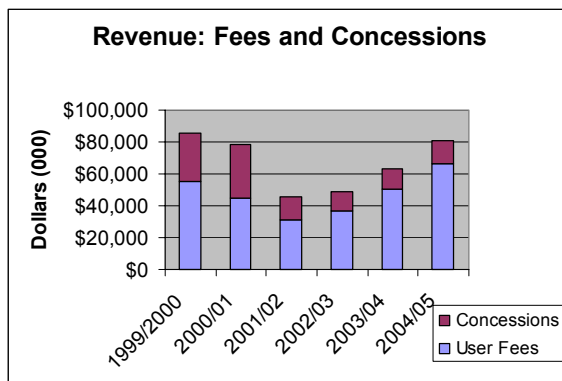


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- ❖ Since 1965 California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services has administered over \$3.2 billion in local assistance grants, including funds approved by the passage of Park Bond Acts, and federal monies such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- ❖ The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$257.8 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds.
- ❖ California State Parks is authorized to employ 2,467 permanent staff and approximately 2,700 seasonal staff to administer, protect, operate and maintain the State Park System.
- ❖ Nearly 13,000 volunteers contributed almost 900,000 hours to the department in 2004. Volunteers staff visitor centers, maintain trails, serve as camp hosts, present interpretive (educational) programs and special events, and do much more.



- ❖ California State Parks' Concessions Program includes approximately 190 concession contracts, including for-profit and non-profit concessionaires (preliminary figures for 2005/06).
- ❖ California State Parks' 2005-2006 budget totals \$344 Million. The largest sources for these funds are:
 - State's General Fund (\$100.9 million)
 - State Parks and Recreation Fund (\$95.7 million)
- ❖ Interpretive (educational) programs add to the appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural resources preserved in California State Parks:
 - In 2003/04, 3.15 million visitors enjoyed guided hikes, tours, talks and demonstrations.
 - In 2003/04, approximately 535,000 school children attend formal interpretive programs in state parks.
 - Young visitors also participate in programs designed specifically for them, such as the Junior Rangers and Junior Lifeguards.



- ❖ Learn more about California State Parks with these *Quick Facts* sheets:
 - At a Park Near You* – the connection between California State Parks and California residents
 - Camping In Your California State Parks* – reservation tips
 - The Cultural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Park units contain a wide variety of cultural resources
 - Dollars and Cents* – California State Park funding, local grants and concessions
 - The Future of California State Parks* – California State Parks are part of the California lifestyle
 - Interpretation and Education* – learning is fun in California State Parks!
 - The Natural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Parks preserve some of the state's most important natural treasures
 - California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division* – fun off the road in California State Parks
 - Park People* - the people that protect and operate California's State Parks
 - Topical Matters* - important California State Park topics in the news
 - What's in a Park?* –the wide variety of places and experiences you can find in California State Parks